



Catholic Central High School NEWSLETTER



November, 2025

Principal's Message

As we wrap up the first quarter of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly the fall months have flown by. What began as a busy and energetic start-up gradually took on a steadier rhythm as students and staff settled into routines and expectations both inside and beyond our CCH community. While I am still dealing with a mixture of emotions as I write this (on October 30th), I can definitely say that this fall has brought a renewed sense of appreciation for our shared commitment to learning, especially as schools across Alberta have returned to regular operations following the Teacher Strike. We are thankful for the patience, understanding, and support shown by our families, students, and staff during that time, and for the sense of togetherness that continues to guide our community forward. We must be reminded that God is not somewhere else. He is here, with us, in this moment. God is Good!



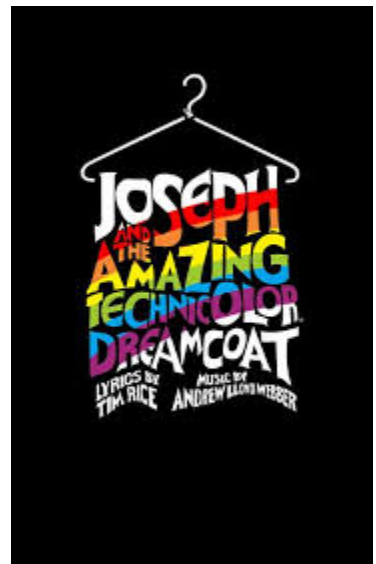
ACADEMICS: At this point in time, Alberta Education has made quarter 1 diploma exams (end of October/ November) optional AND have cancelled January diploma exams. As such, CCH will use the remainder of this week and all of next week (which were originally exam days) to recover instructional days for quarter 1. Therefore, classes will run on November 3-7, with the last day of quarter 1 classes on November 7. Teachers will focus on key learning outcomes and assessments for the remaining eight days to bring quarter 1 to a close. **Further messaging and calendar revisions for quarter 2 (once they have been approved by the division) will be sent out as soon as possible.**

FAITH: Catholic Education Week was originally scheduled for October 18–24, 2025, but due to the labour disruption, it has been rescheduled for May 9-15, 2026 and the theme is *Anchored in Christ, A Beacon of Hope*. The Catholic Education Week theme in Alberta challenges us to move from maintenance to mission, from protecting what we have to boldly proclaiming who we are. To be anchored in Christ is to place our trust not in changing trends or cultural approval, but in the unchanging truth of Jesus Christ and the sacramental life of the Church. To become *beacons of hope* means living and leading in a way that draws others toward that truth—with clarity, courage, and joy. In a time of uncertainty, Catholic education stands as a visible sign of conviction, compassion, and Christ-centred purpose.

Additionally, the undertaking that is Santa's Anonymous Project will begin. Should you wish to make a donation to Santa's Anonymous or sponsor a hamper, please reach out to Mr. New at newm@holyspirit.ab.ca for information or Mrs. Wilson at wilsont@holyspirit.ab.ca to make a donation.



FINE ARTS: Audition sheets have been posted outside The Knights of Columbus Eggplant for *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and they have been rescheduled for the first week of November. Audition packages can be picked up on either campus. If being in the spotlight is not your “thing”, there will be many more roles to come including the opportunity to work backstage as a crew member or with costumes, hair, and makeup, as well as with front of house. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dalton at daltonb@holyspirit.ab.ca



ATHLETICS: It was a busy start up with cross country, golf, football, and volleyball. Congratulations to all who represented CCH Athletics in zones and provincials for cross country and golf. Football and volleyball will be wrapping up their seasons in the next couple of weeks. Other sports like curling and basketball are now gearing up!



CLUBS AND OTHER STUDENT GROUPS: Athletic Leadership, Student's Council, Robotics Team, and Yearbook are all up and running. Should any students wish to participate in any of these, please do not hesitate to ask about meeting dates/ times at either campus office!

It certainly is a busy time here at quarter turnover but what would November be without acknowledging the red poppy that is a symbol of remembrance, hope, and a peaceful future? This simple flower reminds us to stop and remember those who gave their lives for us, who, because of their efforts and sacrifices, allow us to live in a country that values freedom. This year, Remembrance Day and All Saints Day Services will be held in classrooms on Friday, November 7, 2025. We will remember.

Many blessings and opportunities for Remembrance during the month of November! - Mrs. Polec



Important Dates for November and December

November

November 3-7 - Quarter 1 Instructional Days

November 3 - Post-Secondary Fair on CEast 6:00-7:30 pm - 20+ Alberta universities and colleges as well as recruiters from the RCMP and Armed Forces will be here to talk to CCH students and share material and information on the various programs at their school. The event is open to ALL CCH students grade 10-12.

November 6 - School Council Meeting CEast at 6:00 pm in the library

November 7 - Last Day of Quarter 1 and Picture Retake Day

November 10 - Division Wellness Day - No School

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 12 or 13 - First Day of Quarter 2 classes (*this will be confirmed shortly)

November 28 - Advent Service #1 in classrooms

December

December 4 - School Council Meeting CEast at 6:00 pm in the library

December 5 - Advent Service #2 in classrooms

December 10 - Advent Mass & Blessing of Santa's Anonymous Hampers at 9:30 am CEast

December 11 - Midterm and Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

December 12 - Advent Service #3 in classrooms

December 19 - Advent Service #4 in classrooms

December 19 - Last Day of Classes before Break

December 20 - January 4 - Christmas Break



Annual Awards Night Rescheduled

Due to the recent labour action that affected schools across Alberta, we have had to reschedule our Annual Academic Awards Ceremony for the 2024-2025 school year. While we recognize the importance of celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students, the timing of the strike and subsequent return to regular operations required adjustments to several school events. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our students, families, and staff as we finalize new arrangements. A revised date and additional details will be shared once confirmed—we look forward to gathering together to recognize and celebrate our students' hard work and accomplishments.

The Awards Committee: Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Aasman,
Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Polec

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

This year's school fees are now due. Kindly remit as soon as possible. Fees may be paid using School Cash On-line, or at the school office by cash or cheque only. Debit/credit card payments can also be made at the EAST office. Should you have any questions or issues, please contact Mrs. Tamara Wilson.





Parent Information About End of Quarter 1 and Start of Quarter 2

While the exam week that would have run from November 3-7 have now been reconfigured to become instructional days, with the last day of Quarter 1 being on November 7, 2025, there are some items that students will need to attend to:

- Should you need to arrange for a locker on either campus, please email Mrs. Gurr on Campus East gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca or Mrs. Aasman on Campus West aasmanj@holyspirit.ab.ca
- Should you have questions about transportation, please contact Mrs. Mudri at mudrib@holyspirit.ab.ca
- Timetable requests as outlined below:

On Friday, October 31, Alberta Education announced the cancellation of January 2026 Diploma Exams. We understand that this change may cause some students—particularly those in Grade 12—to reconsider their current course schedules.

While the official timetable change deadline has passed, we will review exceptional requests under the following conditions:

- **The student is in Grade 12.**
- **The student has a spare in their schedule that could potentially be filled.**
- **We will not overfill any classes that currently have space available (and they will be capped at 30).**
- **We will not add students to classes that are already full.**
- **We will not over-enrol classes in quarters 3 and 4 to accommodate a change. If the request impacts a major revision to a student's overall timetable, the request will be denied.**
- **We will not make changes that require adjustments to the mid-day shuttle schedule.**

If you meet these criteria and wish to request a timetable change, please contact CCH Administration directly - Mr. Comchi, Mr. New, Mrs. Polec, or Mr. Vercillo. Each request will be considered individually and approval is not guaranteed.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to support our students during this adjustment.

PLEASE JOIN US AT SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Follow the CCH School Council on Instagram! 📷 Stay up to date on school news, events, and ways to get involved. Every parent/guardian welcome – our meetings are informative, collaborative, and best of all, there's no fundraising! 🙌 [cchschoolcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/cchschoolcouncil)

Also, check out our meeting minutes on our webpage: https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school_council



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ATHLETIC CALENDAR

There have been revisions to league games, tournaments, playoffs, etc. To access a copy of the revised calendar, please access our Athletic Calendar here: <https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/athletics>



Picture retake day has been rescheduled for the morning of Friday, November 7th. If you haven't had your school picture taken yet, or need to redo the first one, please go to the Library on Campus East, or Room 517 on Campus West. Just a reminder not to wear hats, or other paraphernalia as these are official school photos.



Since our school Q1 calendar has changed, the Search Committee has decided to postpone the Fall Search. Please stay tuned for more details.

In its place, *"The Goodness of God" Retreat* —a one-day retreat at St. Basil's Church —has been scheduled on Saturday Nov 8th.

Click [Here](#) to register.

CCH CURLING 2025-2026



SIGN-UP FORMS IN OFFICE

Please get forms from office AND make contact with Mr. Cox via email at coxsm@holyspirit.ab.ca if you are interested in joining the team

INITIAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 4
ROOM 514 (West Campus)
3:05 - 3:20 p.m.

If you are on EAST and cannot attend the initial meeting, please ensure you email Mr. Cox

Academic Advising - Counsellor's Corner

Where to find/ contact me

Email: hansenm@holyspirit.ab.ca

Phone: 403.327.4596 ext. 46309

Website: https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/academic_counselling

Instagram: @CCHAcademicAdvising

Upcoming Events

November 3rd Catholic Central Post-Secondary Fair 6-7:30PM CCH East cafeteria

Over 28 Alberta universities and colleges, as well as the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP will be in attendance to provide information to CCH students and parents. This event is open to all CCH Grade 10-12 students and parents only.

November 28th - DEADLINE to register for [Lethbridge Polytechnic Dual Credit](#) Winter semester

Earn 30-level high school and college credit AT THE SAME TIME! Check out the dual credit guidebook for more information.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines (SOME BIG ONES):

See attached the [CCH Scholarship Resource](#) for application links

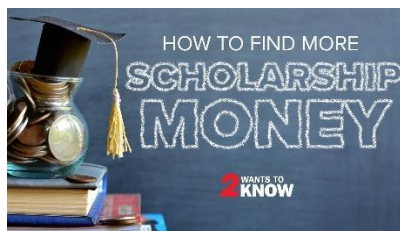
November 15

10 Words or Less Scholarship Value: **\$1,000**

EF Global Citizen Award Amount: **\$1,000**

Soroptimist Foundation: Live Your Dream Award Amount: **Varies**

TD Canada Trust Scholarship For Community Leadership Amount: Up to **\$70,000** (20)



November 30

Arthur Pailin Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Amount: **\$700**

RBC Future Launch Scholarship Amount: **\$1,500**

December 1

YMCA of Lethbridge Lifeguard Scholarship Amount: **Cost of ALL Life Guarding Courses (approx. \$1,800)**

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Scholarship Amount: **\$1,500**

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Amount: **\$28,000** (\$7,000 issued directly to the institution each year for four years in two installments of \$3,500)

RBC Future Launch Scholarships for Indigenous Amount: **\$10,000 (per year for 4 years)**

December 15

University of Lethbridge Board of Governor's Admission scholarship Amount: **\$1,000**

Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship Amount: **\$1000 - \$50000**

December 31

CIBC Full Ride Contest Amount: **\$35,000**

Storwell Foster Children Bursary Program Amount: **\$2,000**





³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii,[a] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



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Parable Conversations

“Who is someone I see in my daily life who might need extra kindness or care?”

In the parable, the Samaritan noticed the man on the road who others ignored. Jesus asks us to notice too. Think about your school, home, or community — who might need your kindness today?

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25:40

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We know the past few weeks have been challenging and truly appreciate your continued dedication and support for our students' learning.

Winter Dual Credit Applications Now Open!

High school students can get a head start on their future by earning both high school and post-secondary credits through the Dual Credit Program. This is a great opportunity to explore college-level learning and gain valuable skills.

Lethbridge Polytechnic

- Application Deadline: November 28, 2025
- Course Dates: February 2 – May 13, 2026
- Application Fee: Can be waived using a promo code – contact Mr. Mark Boschee at boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca for details.

Olds College

- Course Dates: February 25 – May 20, 2026

Don't miss this chance to earn college credit while still in high school!

See [Guidebook](#) for full details. For help with registration, email: Mr. Boschee

Green Certificate Program - Now Available

Lethbridge Polytechnic offers a perfect program for students living or working on a farm!

- Earn up to 16 diploma credits
- Get real on-the-job farm experience
- Boost eligibility for agriculture scholarships
- Receive a Certificate of Completion

Interested? Contact your Off-Campus Coordinator or reach out to Lethbridge Polytechnic

Post-Secondary Fair of the Year!

Catholic Central High School is proud to host an ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta) event this fall!

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Catholic Central High School

This is a great chance for students and families to meet representatives from Alberta's post-secondary schools, explore programs, and plan for future education and career paths.

Paid Internships - Careers Next Generation

Careers Next Generation offers paid internships to help you gain work experience, build skills, and explore careers.

Apply here: [New Student Enrollment](#)

After applying, check your account regularly for new opportunities!



Students in **Work Experience** and **RAP** must submit their work hours.

Send hours to: hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

Dear Students and Families,

The sweetest goodbyes are rarely met with smiles. It's with mixed emotions that I share my resignation as a **Career Practitioner with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division.**

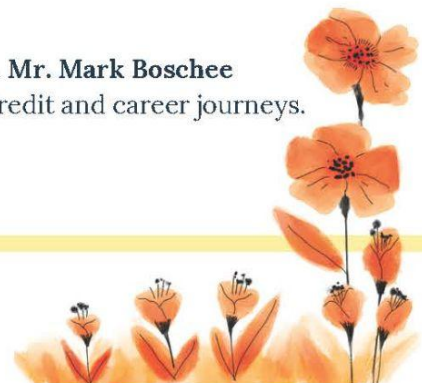
Working with you has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my career. Students, I've been continually inspired by your curiosity, hard work, and courage to chase your dreams. **Please don't ever stop believing in yourselves.**

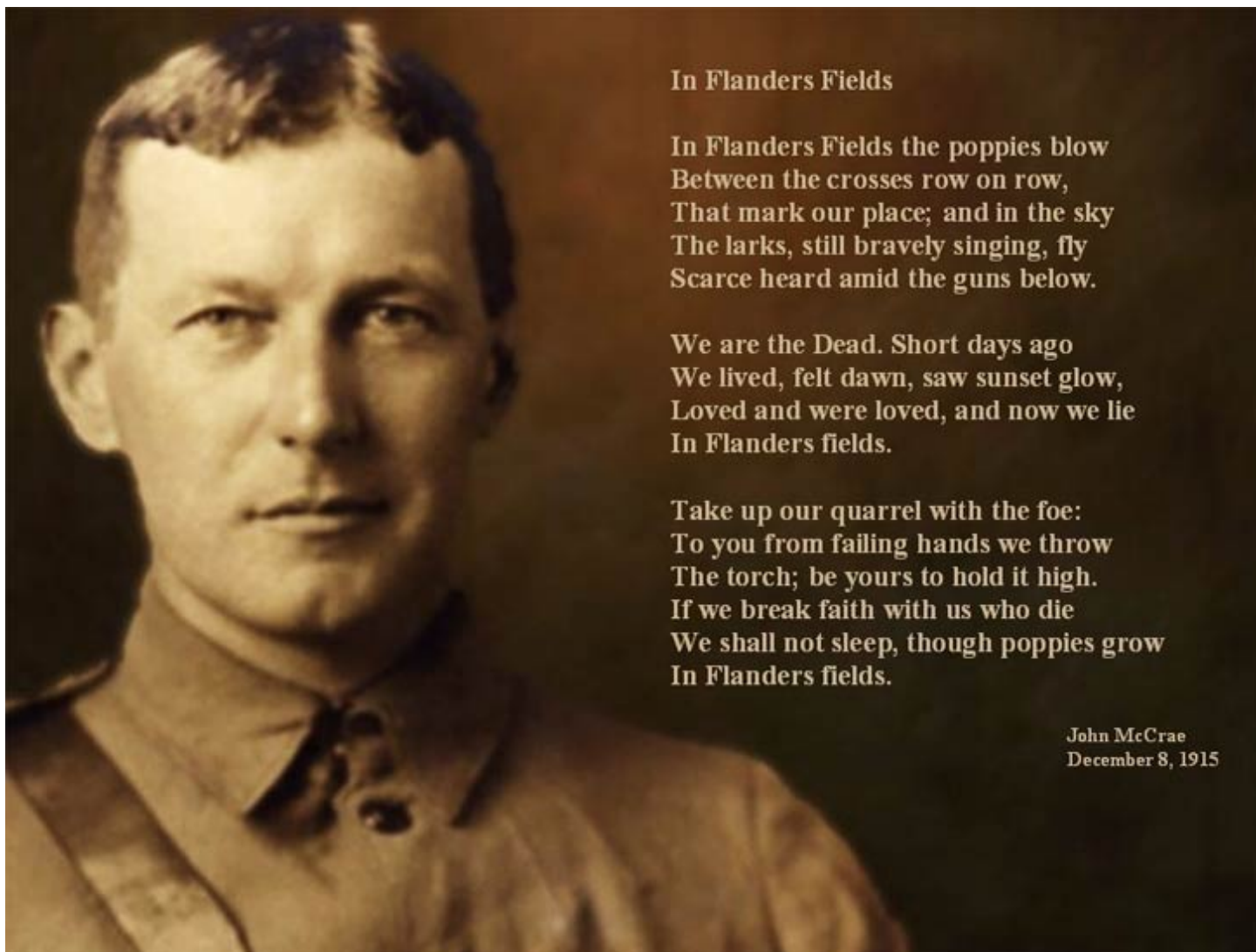
Though I won't be here in person, my heart and prayers remain with you. **Mr. Mark Boschee** (boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca) will continue supporting you in your Dual Credit and career journeys.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,
Miss Amakobe



Mark Boschee
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Career Centre, East Campus on Tuesday/Friday
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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If we break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae
December 8, 1915

